

SERVING THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE WITH *EX PARTE* APPLICATIONS TO EMPLOY PROFESSIONALS

The U.S. Trustee is a party in interest in any chapter 11 bankruptcy case.^{1/} The debtor is required to transmit to the U.S. Trustee copies of all pleadings, applications, motions, objections, complaints, or similar papers that the debtor files with the court.^{2/}

Local Rule 2014-1(b) for the Western District of Washington permits the debtor to file *ex parte* applications for employment of professionals with the court, provided the debtor first gives the U.S. Trustee no less than two (2) days notice **before filing the application with the court:**

Local Rule 2014-1(b) *Ex Parte* Applications. Professionals seeking appointment on an *ex parte* basis shall, prior to submitting the application for approval to the court (1) obtain the written endorsement of the United States Trustee's office of the application, or (2) certify that at least two days have passed since the application was served upon and received by the United States trustee's office, and no objection has been made by the United States Trustee's office to the application.

Do not file *ex parte* applications for employment of professionals with the court, by electronic case filing (ecf), or any other means, unless you have first obtained the U.S. Trustee's endorsement or certify to the court that at least two days have passed since the application was served upon and received by the U.S. Trustee's office, and no objection has been made by the U.S. Trustee to the application.

Service upon the U.S. Trustee of *ex parte* applications for employment of professionals may be made by regular mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail:

Mail or Hand Delivery:	Office of the United States Trustee Park Place Building 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 600 Seattle, WA 98101-3100
Facsimile:	(206) 553-2566
E-Mail:	<u>ustpreion18.se.ecf@usdoj.gov</u>

^{1/}11 U.S.C. § 307

^{2/}Bankruptcy Rules 2002(k), 2014(a), 5005(b), and 9034